

**Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 17, 2010, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room L280
600 4th Avenue, City Hall

Commissioners Present: Mark Adreon, Joshua Caple, Rebecca C. Cory, Charlene Curtiss, John Denooyer, Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Mary Beth Lum, Erica Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

Commissioners Absent: Patricia Copeland, Hope Drummond

SOCR Staff Present: Nolan Lim, Felicia Yearwood

City Staff: Brian de Place (Transportation), Gary Johnson (Planning and Development), Tim Shockley (Library)

Call to Order: Call to order at 4:30 by Deborah Witmer

Public Comment: Chris Leman informed the commission that the public listen line is available in the Boards and Commissions room to allow members of the public to hear meetings. He went on to advise the commissioners to set their own agenda, make use of available city resources, and create strong committees with community involvement.

Doug Hilde expressed concern that pedestrian space continues to be made smaller by policies such as the mobile food cart proposal. He intends to submit further comment in writing.

Additions to the Agenda: (1) Banner, (2) meeting location

Mobile Food Initiative: Gary Johnson and Brian de Place explained the City's goals in promoting mobile food carts and responded to Commissioners' questions and concerns. Additional feedback from commissioners would be welcome.

SOCR Report: Nolan Lim stated that disability issues are the most common complaints investigated by the Office for Civil Rights. Nolan seeks input from the Commission on revising the SMC definitions of disability and service animal.

Four Commission Meeting: Felicia Yearwood reported that the Four Commission meeting was well attended with good representation from all

commissions. The meeting consisted primarily of a training on the Race and Social Justice Initiative filter tools.

Bylaws Committee:

Laura Gramer reported that she, Mary Beth Lum, and Deborah Witmer have reviewed several sample bylaws and begun drafting. A number of issues need to be resolved. The committee expects to present a draft at the next monthly meeting.

Work Plan Committee:

Mark Adreon reported that the committee has developed a work planning tool, i.e., a filter for prioritizing items to include in a work plan.

Motion:

Adopt the following seven topic areas to use with the work planning tool:

1. **Disability employment issues**
2. **Housing, transportation, and public accommodations**
3. **Access to city services and programs**
4. **Community relations and public outreach**
5. **Justice system**
6. **Education**
7. **Public challenges and discrimination issues**

MOTION PASSED

Seattle Center:

Laura Gramer expressed interest in promoting Seattle as an accessible city and suggested that the work plan include cultural outlets such as the Seattle Center.

Banner:

Please send comments to Felicia by email

Meeting Location:

Charlene Curtiss expressed concern that the City Hall parking garage was difficult to access because of the steep incline on James Street, sharp turn to enter the garage, and location of buzzer for admittance. Commissioners were asked to send comments and suggestions regarding meeting location to Felicia.

Announcements:

Commissioner Orientation: will seek alternate dates
Four Commission meeting: September date TBD
Human Rights Day: December 9, 2010
ADA 20th Anniversary Celebration, July 26, 2010, Woodland Park Zoo, commissioners needed to table
LGBT Pride Parade, June 26th, Commissioners welcome to participate in parade or tabling at Seattle Center

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.